

## CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE PM10 STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY

The California Air Resources Board (Board or CARB) will conduct a public meeting at the time and place noted below to consider adoption of the Imperial County 2018 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the PM10 standard (Imperial County PM10 Plan). If adopted, CARB will submit it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP).

DATE: December 13, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: California Environmental Protection Agency  
California Air Resources Board  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

This item will be considered at a two-day meeting of the Board, which will commence at 9:00 a.m., December 13, 2018, and may continue at 8:30 a.m., December 14, 2018. Please consult the agenda for the meeting, which will be available at least ten days before December 13, 2018, to determine the day on which this item will be considered.

#### **Background**

The federal Clean Air Act (Act) establishes planning requirements for those areas that exceed the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS or standard). Nonattainment areas must develop and implement a SIP that demonstrates how the area will attain the NAAQS by a specified date. On December 11, 2007, U.S. EPA determined that Imperial County had failed to attain the 24-hour PM10 standard of 150  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  by the serious area deadline of December 31, 2001. This U.S. EPA action required the State to submit a SIP that demonstrates that Imperial County will attain the PM10 standard as expeditiously as practicable.

Under the Act, an area can be redesignated to attainment if, among other requirements, the U.S. EPA determines that the NAAQS has been attained. The SIP demonstrates that between 2014 and 2016, Imperial County did not violate the federal 24-hour PM10 standard because the area had an average of less than one exceedance per year averaged over three years. However, during this period, dust events from high winds did result in concentrations over the federal 24-hour PM10 standard. Documentation identifying these events as exceptional events has been transmitted to U.S. EPA. If approved by U.S. EPA as exceptional events, they will be excluded from attainment consideration and will not count towards the expected exceedances. The Imperial County

PM10 Plan requests redesignation of the Imperial Valley Planning Area as attainment for the 24-hour PM10 standard.

The Imperial County PM10 Plan meets requirements of the Act for a serious PM10 nonattainment area and demonstrates attainment of the 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup> 24-hour PM10 standard in 2016 when exceptional events are excluded. The Imperial PM10 Plan elements consist of the following: 1) an Emissions Inventory; 2) Maintenance Demonstration for 2018-2030; 3) analysis of Best Available Control Measures and Technologies (BACM/BACT) for significant and major stationary sources; 4) Transportation Conformity Budgets; 5) and a Contingency Plan with provisions for implementation if the area exceeds the PM10 standard.

In addition to Board's consideration of the Imperial County PM10 Plan, staff will also provide an informational update on recommendations and actions developed by CARB's Imperial County - Mexicali air quality working group to improve air quality in the border region. This is in response to the Board's request at the May 25, 2018, hearing for staff to develop a work plan in collaboration with agencies and stakeholders in Mexicali, Baja California, and Imperial County that identifies additional actions that can be taken to reduce air pollution in the border region with a focus on PM10 and PM2.5 emissions.

### **Proposed Action**

CARB staff has reviewed the Imperial County PM10 Plan and concludes that it meets applicable requirements for a serious area PM10 plan and demonstrates that Imperial County will maintain the 24-hour PM10 standard. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Imperial County PM10 Plan and direct the CARB Executive Officer to submit the plan to U.S. EPA as a revision to the California SIP.

CARB staff will prepare a written Staff Report prior to the meeting. Copies of the Staff Report may be obtained from the Board's Public Information Office, 1001 "I" Street, 1st Floor, Environmental Services Center, Sacramento, CA 95814, beginning November 9, 2018. This notice, the Staff Report, and the District's Implementation Plan may also be obtained from CARB's internet site at:

<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/planarea/imperial/imperialsip.htm>

Interested members of the public may present comments orally or in writing at the meeting and may provide comments by postal mail or by electronic submittal before the meeting. To be considered by the Board, written comments not physically submitted at the meeting, must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m., December 10, 2018,** and addressed to the following:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>

Please note that under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 6250 et seq.), your written and verbal comments, attachments, and associated contact

information (e.g., your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the public record and can be released to the public upon request.

CARB requests that written and email statements on this item be filed at least ten days prior to the meeting so that CARB staff and Board members have additional time to consider each comment.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Webster Tasat, Manager of the Central Valley Air Quality Planning Section, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 323-4950, or by e-mail at [webster.tasat@arb.ca.gov](mailto:webster.tasat@arb.ca.gov), or Elizabeth Melgoza, Air Pollution Specialist, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 322-6161, or by e-mail at [elizabeth.melgoza@arb.ca.gov](mailto:elizabeth.melgoza@arb.ca.gov).

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Richard W. Corey  
Executive Officer

Date: *November 9, 2018*

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